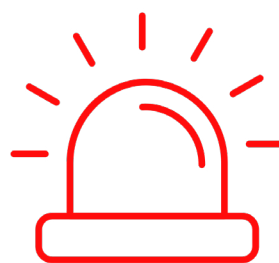


# How do Emergency Services work in Lethbridge County?



Emergency services are critical for the protection of life and property in any municipality, and a significant portion of the County's annual budget is allocated to emergency services. The provision of these services is complex as the County has many different service providers.



## POLICING

The RCMP provide policing services in Lethbridge County. There are detachments in Picture Butte and Coaldale. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.



## BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

The Community Peace Officer (CPO) is authorized to enforce all County bylaws as well as some Provincial Acts and Regulations, like the Traffic Safety Act (speeding, distracted driving, etc.) and Animal Protection Act (responding to animals that are abandoned or in distress).

The CPO is not a 911 responder and is not authorized to enforce the Criminal Code (theft, breaking and entering, firearms offences, etc.).

Call 403-915-6212 to contact the Community Peace Officer.



## AMBULANCE

Ambulance services are provided by Alberta Health Services and the Town of Picture Butte.

There are several ambulance stations throughout Southern Alberta which respond into Lethbridge County. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

## FIRE SERVICES

Fire services are provided through contracts with our urban neighbours (Towns of Coaldale, Coalhurst, Nobleford, and Picture Butte). These departments are operating under a 3-year contract on a fee-for-service model, and funds are contributed to each department for fire apparatus and equipment purchases.

Each department responds to their primary area and may also respond to any region of the County to provide additional resources if required.

Departments are staffed by dedicated individuals (many of them volunteers in the towns and village), who train to a high level of service to protect the citizens of Lethbridge County. In addition to regular training with their own departments, firefighters often participate in regional courses to improve their skills and build upon the collaboration that exists between the fire departments in the area.

Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.



## DISASTER SERVICES

Lethbridge County prepares for large-scale emergencies that may threaten lives, property, or the environment, such as wildfires, floods, train derailments, etc. Staff are trained in disaster management and regularly conduct training exercises.



**For more information on emergency services in Lethbridge County, visit <https://lethcounty.ca/p/emergency-services>**